



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
03/10/2023-3/24/23**

Last Friday, 3/17 I had the pleasure of attending the MFA Recruit Graduation for FF's Charchafliah and Doane. Congratulations to both of them on this accomplishment and for their excellent performance both in their academic and practical studies. Welcome back to duty and I hope you have a very happy and fulfilling career in the fire service.



Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Career Recruit Class #309 Graduation • March 17, 2023

Last night, FF Ryan Murphy was awarded the “Good Neighbor Award” by the Holden Democratic Committee. According to the committee, “This award honors people and groups whose efforts have made Holden a better community”. Congratulations to Ryan for all he does for the Town of Holden!

An email went out this morning regarding shift coverage for 5/20. FF Ryan Pescaro’s wedding is on that date and we are looking for coverage. There will be multiple shifts available, so any career or call member who is cleared to work shifts that has availability, please email me to be put on the list. We will need medics, EMT’s and an Officer. I would like to get coverage for Group 1 well before the wedding date.

Reminder, we have reworked the payroll sheet for recalls. This is going to allow us to better track our EMS and Fire recalls for statistical data analysis. The top header of the payroll sheet will now allow for checkoffs on Fire, EMS, Other and Training with a spot to write the address and call reason such as Fire Alarm, CO alarm, Unresponsive, Ladder Training etc. The Other category would only be used for items such as details, public education, CPR, vehicle delivery etc. Only use these new sheets moving forward. Any old versions can be discarded!!

Fire Prevention

- 1. The new Greenwood II Subdivision on Union Street is starting to be occupied. Familiarize yourselves with the where it is and how to access the homes.**

Vehicles

- 1. F1 and F2 have been de-winterized. Please still use caution when parking the vehicles outside during the cold weather.**
- 2. Car 2 – During the recent snowstorm, the vehicle was struck by a plow on Main Street. Awaiting the insurance adjuster to review the damage prior to repair.**

Training

- 1. Message from Captain Pierce - If your interested in the MFA class Fires in 2 1/2 story structures on 4/1 from 0900-1300 hrs please sign up soon. This is a very popular and informative class that will fill up very quick. Reserve code is OZOO for class. Any questions let me know.**
- 2. District 8 Fire Instructor/Fire Officer Training – The fire district is hosting both a Fire Instructor and Fire Officer training program. These programs will be taught by Chief Officers in the district and will mirror those put on by the MFA. Because department's are having difficulty getting FF's into any MFA programs, the local delivery model is being utilized around the state. The Fire Instructor program will start on 5/2 and run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays from 8a-4p. The Fire Officer program will start on 9/7 and run for 4 weeks 8a-4p. Those who take the Instructor program will get first preference on the Officer program. Anyone interested, please contact me prior to signing up or to get the application.**
- 3. D8 will be holding a training course on the use of the Quantifit Mask Fit Testing Machine in Leominster on 3/28 at 13:00. Anyone interested in attending contact the Deputy.**